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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MailStop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Introductory Comments:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated May 16, 2007, to which a reply is due August 16, 2007.

Amendments to the Specification are not being made.

Amendments to the Claims / Claim Listing begin on page 2 of this paper.

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